

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DAVIDSON

APPLICATION No.: 10/706,810

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MINIMIZING HEAT, MOISTURE, AND  
SHEAR DAMAGE TO MEDICANTS AND  
OTHER COMPOSITIONS DURING  
INCORPORATION OF SAME WITH  
EDIBLE FILMS

EXAMINER: JAKE MINH VU

ART UNIT: 1618

CONF. No: 6949

**STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant advises that:

Aspects of Application Nos. 10/713,544; 10/402,273; 11/836,758, 10/921,770;  
and 11/417,676 may be relevant to the examination of the present application.

Application No. 10/713,544 **[57778.8001.US01]** shares a priority claim with the  
present application. 10/713,544 is pending before Examiner Nabila G. Ebrahim in Art  
Unit 1618. Claims in 10/713,544 were last rejected in an 11/9/2007 Non-Final Office  
Action, which has been responded to, as anticipated by Leung et al. (US

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2001/0022964), and as obvious over Leung in view of Ismail (EP 0163924), and also under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Application No. 10/402,273 **[57778.8002.US00]** is pending (under a Non-Final Office Action) before Examiner Blessing M. Fubara in Art Unit 1618. Claims in 10/402,273 are currently rejected in a 2/8/2008 Non-Final Office Action as anticipated by Brown (WO 98/20861) and as anticipated by or obvious over Acharya (WO 00/59423). Claims are also currently rejected as obvious over Brown. Claims in 10/402,273 are also provisionally rejected on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting grounds over claims in Application Nos. 10/713,544, 11/371,167, and 11/836,758 as well as over claims in the present application. Claims in 10/402,273 are also currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims in 10/402,273 were previously rejected in an 11/27/2006 Final Office Action as obvious over Kizawa et al. (US 4,517,173) or over Konishi (US 5,196,202), and under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims in 10/402,273 were also previously rejected in a 3/16/2006 Non-Final Office Action as anticipated by or obvious over Kizawa or Konishi.

Application No. 11/836,758 **[57778.8002.US01]** is a Divisional of 10/402,273. 11/836,758 was filed August 9, 2007, is assigned to Examiner Blessing M. Fubara in Art Unit 1618, and is awaiting examination.

Application No. 10/921,770 **[57778.8003.US01]** is pending before Examiner Snigdha Maewell in Art Unit 1615. Claims in 10/921,770 were last rejected in a 9/18/2007 Non-Final Office Action, which has been responded to, as obvious over Benes (WO 95/34286) in view of Pearce et al. (US 2004/0247649 A1) or vice versa, and also under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Application No. 11/417,676 **[57778.8005.US02]** claims priority to the present application, as well as to the other cases listed herein and their earlier corresponding provisional applications. 11/417,676 was filed May 3, 2006, is assigned to Examiner Humera N. Sheikh in Art Unit 1615, and is awaiting examination.

The content of the Office Actions in the applications listed above is summarized here for the Examiner's convenience, and is of course not a complete description of each Office Action. All of the Office Actions are available for viewing on PAIR.

Effect of Statement of Related Applications

This Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability; or (v) any of the cited rejections are proper. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

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